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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brand Airfield

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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25X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

25X1 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED

5 March 1954

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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The following observations were made at Brand airfield between 5 and 14 February 1954:  
5 February. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was air activity by swept-back jet aircraft with auxiliary fuel tanks which flew individually and remained aloft for about 30 minutes. At the same time, up to 4 aircraft were aloft which, after their landings, taxied under their own power to the dispersal areas. The sky was 3/10 overcast and visibility was good.

6 and 7 February. No air activity was observed at the field. On 7 February, 26 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s including 4 alert aircraft were counted at the field.

8 February. No flights were made. There was a 7/10 overcast at an altitude of about 200 meters and visibility was limited to about 1 km.

25X1 9 February. During the noon hours, there was air activity which apparently involved also the 4 alert aircraft. Aircraft [REDACTED] were identified. There was a 8/10 overcast and poor visibility. At first, the U-MiG-15 took off toward the east and headed east. After about 8 minutes, the aircraft returned from the west towing a sleeve target. As the sleeve target was not seen at the take-off, source believed that the aircraft had taken off without sleeve target and, while being aloft, 25X1 broke out the sleeve target. Subsequently, aircraft [REDACTED] took off and repeatedly attacked the sleeve target from a higher position. Finally, the aircraft flew about 25X1 20 meters above the sleeve target and [REDACTED] impression that the aircraft flying above wanted to make the other plane land at the field. After the two aircraft 25X1 had circled twice over the field, aircraft [REDACTED] flew two circles around aircraft

25X1 [REDACTED] then the latter aircraft released the sleeve target and landed at the field. Throughout the day, individual flights of 12 to 15 minutes duration were made.

25X1 10 to 14 February. There was no air activity at the field. Truck [REDACTED] and sedan [REDACTED] were observed entering and leaving the field. 25X1

25X1 Comment. It is believed that Brand airfield is still occupied by one fighter regiment. The reported number of 26 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s is believed to represent the actual aircraft strength as no hangars are located at the field.

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